

SUMMARY 2010 CONSOLIDATED PLAN

The **2010 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan (the Plan)** is both an application for federal funds, as well as a blueprint for increasing and conserving affordable housing, increasing homeownership, assisting those with special needs, and upgrading low and moderate income neighborhoods over the next five years. The Plan outlines priorities and improvement strategies for a five-year period, covering 2010 – 2014, and adoption of a one-year action plan. The Action Plan covers the City of Houston's Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). Sources of funds are the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), the HOME Investment Partnerships Grant (HOME), the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant (HOPWA), and the Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG).

Throughout the 2010 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan development process, Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD) collaborates with various community stakeholders to determine which improvement strategies would benefit low and moderate income Houstonians. As required by HUD regulations, HCDD held the first of two public hearings on Wednesday, December 2, 2009. The Plan development schedule and information booklet were distributed at the hearing. HCDD also solicited public comment (which will help determine funding priorities for the 2010-2014 Consolidated Plan) from residents, neighborhood-based organizations, and non- and for-profit agencies.

Funding priorities are housing, supportive services, economic development and infrastructure/neighborhood facilities. The goal of the **2010 Consolidated Plan** is to promote strategies that will result in the creation of (1) **suitable living environments**, (2) **improvement of the housing stock**, and (3) **expansion of economic development** opportunities for Houstonians, the majority of whom are low and moderate income (53 percent) and minority (46.2 percent), (2008 American Community Survey). The significance of "housing" as a priority need is reflected in the fact that 44.4 percent of low to moderate income homeowners and 46.5 percent of low to moderate income renters in Houston have contended with some type of housing problem (HUD, 2000).

The format and information presented in the Plan are based on HUD requirements. The 2010 Plan contains sections that describe: the Citizen Participation Process; Housing Needs; Housing Market Analysis; Public Housing Improvements; the Monitoring Process; Coordination of Efforts; Applications for Funding; the Proposed Projects; Public Comments; Certifications; and Appendices.

The **Draft Summary of the 2010 Consolidated Plan** describes how the estimated \$52,997,631 in federal funds and \$3,310,520 in program income will be used to benefit income-eligible residents during the 36th Program Year (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011). These estimates are based on grant amounts awarded for the 2009 Action Plan/Fiscal Year 2010, as HUD has not yet released 2010 entitlement grant amounts, and the HCDD does not anticipate a significant change in funding for the 2010 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan.

Sources of Federal Funds

Community Development Block Grant	\$30,256,697
CDBG Projected Program Income	\$3,010,520
HOME Investment Partnerships Grant	\$14,098,691
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Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant	\$7,315,504
Emergency Shelter Grants	\$1,326,739
TOTAL	\$56,308,151

Community Development Block Grant

Neighborhood Facilities Improvements	\$7,948,171
Housing	\$6,842,797
Public Services	\$4,609,914
Emergency Shelter Grants (Match)	\$700,000
Coalition for the Homeless	\$133,415
Economic Development Assistance Program	\$2,398,430
Dangerous Buildings Administration/Legal/Department/Code Enforcement	\$4,483,000
Program Administration	\$6,151,490
TOTAL	\$33,267,217

HOME Investment Partnerships Grant

Single-Family Down Payment/Closing, Cost Assistance for New/Existing Homes	\$5,382,611
Multi-family Acquisition/Rehabilitation/New Construction/Relocation	\$6,919,407
Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO Operations)	\$300,000
Program Delivery Costs	\$400,000
Program Administration	\$1,396,673
TOTAL	\$14,398,691

Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Grant

Acquisition/Rehab/Conversion/Repair/Lease	\$247,558
Operating Costs	\$640,028
Technical Assistance/Housing Information/Resource Identification	\$42,266
Supportive Services	\$1,098,916
Project or Tenant-based Rental Assistance	\$2,335,306
Short-Term, Rent, Mortgage & Utility Assistance	\$1,869,880
Grantee Administration	\$219,465
Sponsor Administration	\$512,085
New Construction	\$350,000
TOTAL	\$7,315,504

Emergency Shelter Grants

Essential Services	\$397,979
Operations	\$464,309
Homeless Prevention	\$397,979
Administration	\$66,472
TOTAL	\$1,326,739

The second public hearing on the **2010 Consolidated Plan and Action Plan** will be held on **Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the Former City Council Chambers (900 Bagby)**. The public is invited to comment on the Draft Summary of the 2010 Consolidated Plan during the 30-day review period which extends from Saturday, March 6, through Monday, April 5, HCDD encourages public input and participation in the Plan development process. Public comments may be submitted by email: **andrea.roberts@cityofhouston.net** or by mail: HCDD, ATTN: Andrea Roberts, Suite 400, 601 Sawyer, Houston, Texas 77007. Submitted comments will be included in the Plan. A draft copy of the complete Plan will be available, free of charge, from the Housing and Community Development Department, on Friday, March 26. The 2010 Plan draft will be placed on the HCDD's Web site at **www.houstonhousing.org**, at the City of Houston's main public library, and will also be submitted to City Council for approval. **Please contact HCDD if special arrangements are needed for the public hearing.** For more information, contact Andrea Roberts at (713) 865-9314. City TDD: (713) 837-0215.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Houston (City), through its Housing and Community Development Department (HCDD), is proposing to award HOME Investment Partnerships (HOME) funds to the following Community Housing Development Organization (CHDO) to finance operating expenses.

HCDD is proposing to fund the following:

Applicant/Project	Office Address	Council District	Scope of Work	Amount
From Jails	3255 Beulah St.	I	Operating Expenses	\$50,000
To Jobs, Inc.	Houston, Texas 77004			
Harvest for Families CDC	17770 1/2 Imperial Valley Drive	B	Operating Expenses	\$50,000
	Houston, Texas 77060			

The public has thirty (30) days to comment on these proposed awards. **The thirty-day period extends from Saturday, March 6, 2010 through Monday, April 5, 2010.** For additional information on these proposed awards, please contact Maldrick Bright at (713) 868-8300. For more information on HCDD, access the department's Web site at **www.houstonhousing.org**.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The City, through its HCDD, proposes to grant Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds to the following Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO) to acquire and rehabilitate seven (7) foreclosed single-family homes within the Denver Harbor, Fifth Ward, Hobby Area, Northeast Houston, Near Northside, Settegast, and Wood Glen neighborhoods. These properties will be sold to income-qualified households earning less than 50% of area median income (AMI).

HCDD is proposing to distribute NSP funds to the following up to:

Fifth Ward CDC	\$595,000
Guiding Light CDC	\$595,000
Covenant Neighborhoods, Inc.	\$595,000
Houston Habitat for Humanity	\$875,000
Telano Center for Community Concerns	\$595,000
TOTAL	\$3,255,000

The public is invited to comment on NSP during the 15-day review period which extends from **Saturday, March 6, 2010 through Monday, March 22, 2010.** These proposed projects and grant funds will be submitted to the City Council for approval. For more information on these projects contact Deidre Rasheed at (713) 868-8300. For more information on HCDD, access the department's Web site at **www.houstonhousing.org**.